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Athletic Association Meeting.

The Athletic Association met in the College Chapel last Saturday directly after the noon chapel exercises. President Wood called for unfinished business and the question of withdrawing from the N. Y. S. I. A. U. was taken from the table. After several speeches pro and con., in which nothing much was said and less proved, the association cast an overwhelming vote to remain in the union.

The nominees of the Advisory Board were elected. There were two nominees for each of the offices of secretary and Freshman representative, MacMartin, '08, being elected to the former office and Moore, '10, to the latter.

The matter of presenting the football men with sweaters was discussed, but no action was taken except to refer the question to the Advisory Board.

After extending a vote of thanks to the Freshman class the association meeting was adjourned and President Swetman, of the Senior class, called a college meeting.

Advisory Board Meeting.

A meeting of the Advisory Board was held Wednesday evening. After a long discussion it was decided not to give sweaters to the men who made their H this year. Ex-Capt. Schwartz, '07, was invited to be present and spoke in favor of the proposition.

Prof. Ward was appointed as chairman of a committee to decide upon proper prizes for the wrestling matches this winter. Suggestions were made in regard to putting up bleachers on the west side of the athletic field with the money now in the treasury, but no definite action was taken.

The December Lit.

The December *Lit.*, which will be issued on the 20th, will present the following table of contents:

Song for Christmas, (poem) Paul F. Baum, '09.

The Vulture, (story) by Harry E. Dounce, '10.

Sorrow, (poem) by Lloyd Paul Stryker, '06.

The New Football Rules, by Capt. H. K. Holley, '08.

Ballade de Noel, (poem) by H. E. D., '10.

Duffy—A Reminiscence, by P. B. Williams, '08.

The Assimilation of Races by America, by Louis E. Haven, '06.

A Change of Vocation, by A. F. Osborne, '09.

Criticus, Editorial, In Litdom, Hill Notes, Alumniiana, Necrology.

Hamilton 25, U. F. A. 20.

Last Saturday Hamilton won the second game of the basket-ball season by defeating Utica Free Academy by a score of 25 to 20. Hamilton kept ahead only thru good individual work, sure and steady passing being a missing quantity. Kuolt excelled for Hamilton, throwing five baskets and caging the ball three times from the foul line. Manning and Hayes did well for Utica. The lineup follows:

Hamilton (25). U. F. A. (20).

Welch,	L. F.	Hayes (Capt).
G. Smith,	L. G.	Snyder.
Wilson,	C.	J. Thomas.
Kuolt,	R. F.	Manning.
Henderson,	R. G.	Rooth.

Time of halves, 20 minutes.

Referee, Gouge of Utica.

Umpire, Gordon of Hamilton.

Baskets from field: Welch 3, Smith 2, Wilson 1, Kuolt 5, Hayes 5, Snyder 1, Manning 4; from foul, Kuolt 3.

Debating and Socialism.

The editor of LIFE has asked me to comment upon the Seniors' debate, which was held last Wednesday and of which I was the only outside auditor.

First let me say, that just as many underclassmen are foolish as are free during the first hour Wednesday morning. If they were not they would sit in the Chapel gallery during that hour.

Of the debaters of last Wednesday Jerome was best, because he was definite; but then he had the position in which it is easiest to be definite. He had a clear field and when he finished the lines of campaign were well drawn. Allen came on and tangled them. He spoke well, with fine nervous energy, but he did not debate, for he ignored the position of Jerome, and the limits he had drawn, and the assertions he had made. After this it was a free-for-all fight; guarding was ignored, as when Mr. Schwartz condemned socialism as meaning equality of opportunity, and Allen said economic equality meant slavery. But all "science" was thrown away, so that no one took advantage of the openings. There were some terrible blows given but most of them failed to land. Rood got in a couple of stiff punches but no blood was drawn. However, while there was plenty of excitement there was no fouling, and as the referee said (or might have said), it was good sport.

As I listened two thoughts presented themselves.

The first was that debating is worthy of more than perfunctory interest. There is only one thing that is more important than the ability to present ideas in debate, only one thing; that is to have the ideas. Debating is next to the most important part of a college training. It is as good for the head

as football is for the legs. Speaking of football, team work is as essential in debating.

The other thought was of a clipping from the *Utica Press* of a few days ago. Here it is:

"Columbia University perhaps surpasses all others in the efficiency of its equipment for the study of the social sciences. The faculty of that institution has among its members economists, historians and sociologists of unquestioned ability, and their books, used in different colleges and schools, are spreading their ideas and infusing their spirit into the minds of the coming generation. Four of these professors confess to a friendly, even sympathetic, interest in socialism, and a club is now being organized among the students which has for its object the propagation of socialistic tenets. There is no particular menace in this. On the contrary, it is eminently right in a great university where knowledge and instruction is not of the hour or day. But it is certainly a novel situation in a seat of learning founded by a king's charter, and in Alexander Hamilton's day the hot-bed of royal allegiance."

As I saw the density of the fog in which most of the debaters thought, I said, "We ought to have such a club here."

As I heard President Stryker say that this question had aroused more interest than any other that had been debated this year, I said, "The time is ripe, the world spirit of socialism is breathing here also."

In '76 our fathers organized Independence Debating Clubs. In '61 they debated in Liberty Clubs. Thanking God that there is still work of the same kind to be done, shall we not organize a club in which to train, that we may be fitted to have an intelligent part in the final conquest of Democracy; that we too may help "make way for Brotherhood—make way for man."

E. J. W.

The Rand School of Socialism has been established at 112 East Nineteenth street, New York City, with an endowment of \$1,000,000.

1908 Hamiltonian.

The Hamiltonian Board is at work in earnest and like all its predecessors, promises us the first copy of the book about May fifteenth. Contrary to precedent, however, more actual work is being done than ever before. The printing this year is to be done by George William Browning, of Clinton. In former years Mr. Sykes has looked after this end of the book, but his demand for a \$500 guarantee could not be met by the Board, so a change was made. Some work is already in the hands of the printer, but the first large installment is to be sent in about January 9th, 1907.

The book has been dedicated, but to whom is a secret. It is not a member of the faculty nor a trustee. Further than that no information has been given out by the Board.

The book will be in the main like those of former years. The same general plan in its composition will be followed. The advertising managers have been hard at work and a very good number of ads. has been secured. With this financial backing, the price will remain as heretofore, one dollar and fifty cents.

The art department this year is expected to be very good. The editors have two good men of Utica at work on plates to be submitted next term. These men are Carson, of the *Saturday Globe*, and Wolff, whose only extensive work up to date has been illustrating for the Beech-Nut brand of meats. However his talent and originality are undisputed and it is expected that he will turn in some good work.

Everything considered, prospects are excellent for a good book, and what is more wonderful, its issue on time.

Last Chapel for 1907.

The Senior class attended noon chapel for the last time a week ago today. The members of the class gathered in front of the Chapel a few minutes before noon and assisted several fellows into the building in a quiet but persuasive way. When all had entered the class formed itself in line and marched into the Chapel to the tune

of "Cheer, Boys, Cheer." Prof. White made a few remarks apropos of the occasion, expressing his regret that the Seniors were with him in chapel for the last time.

There was no farewell oration delivered. This was a true disappointment to the audience. In the past farewell orations have generally been pleasingly written and especially well received. They offer an opportunity for a rare combination of the humorous and serious. It is to be regretted that no attempt was made last Saturday. After the Seniors had finished speaking Prof. White suggested that the Seniors complete their course by singing "Carissima." Thus ended for 1907 one of the best courses Hamilton offers.

Basket-ball Schedule, 1906-07.

- Dec. 1.—Hamilton 60, Waterville Y. M. C. A. 9, at Clinton.
- Dec. 8.—Hamilton 25, Utica Free Academy 20, at Clinton.
- Jan. 12.—Rochester at Rochester.
- Jan. 18.—Union at Clinton.
- Jan. 23.—Syracuse at Syracuse.
- Jan. 26.—Rochester at Clinton.
- Jan. 31.—Buffalo at Clinton.
- Feb. 11.—Syracuse at Clinton.
- Feb. 15.—Auburn Theological Seminary at Clinton.
- Feb. 22.—Colgate at Hamilton.
- Feb. 25.—Williams at Williamstown.
- Feb. 26.—Wesleyan at Middletown.
- Feb. 27.—Brown at Providence.
- Feb. 28.—Union at Schenectady.
- Mar. 4.—Colgate at Clinton.

Among the Colleges.

This year Yale has raised the salaries of thirty-five professors to four thousand dollars each.

Eleven players were killed and 104 were injured in the United States during the football season of 1906, according to The Chicago Tribune. These figures are compared with the casualties of 1905, when 18 players were killed and 159 severely injured, and, according to The Tribune, show that "debrutalized" football has accomplished in a large degree the object aimed at, in rendering the game less dangerous to life and limb.

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THE TROPHY CASE IN THE FRONT of the Commons is so bare that it is painful to look upon. Why can't we have some of our spoils of war placed in it? We have won some football games and a few balls with the scores marked on them would go well. Likewise baseball. The track, tennis and basketball departments should be able to find some appropriate way of signifying their records in this room. The managers might show a little push and ingenuity.

A LAMENTABLE SPIRIT about college is shown by our occasional lack of respect for some of the members of the faculty. All of our instructors are men especially distinguished in their own lines of work. One only has to get outside of Hamilton College and talk with educated men from other institutions to realize the high places they hold. For example, the head of the Department of Biology is one of the few men in the country recognized as an authority in that line of work. Yet sometimes, rarely it is true, they receive treatment not suited to a primary teacher. This sometimes should be-

come never, and the proverb that a prophet is without honor in his own country should be disproved.

WHERE ANGELS FEAR to tread others often go. Warning is many times wasted wind. Yet we warn ourselves and others, whether heeded or not. The person who would not have taken the risk anyway will usually heed the warnings of common sense and other interested friends. How commonly the fact is demonstrated that there is something in human nature which makes a man overlook danger and take a mere gambler's chance of issuing from a perilous expedition alive! Will it avail nothing once more to emphasize the fact that the Hill is very fast and when so quite dangerous to limb and even life? None has the moral right to endanger his own life or the lives of others by audaciously coasting down College Hill. The gambling instinct should be overcome.

WE BELIEVE THE ADVISORY BOARD acted wisely in deciding not to present sweaters to the football team. If the Association were heavily endowed and did not have to call upon the faculty, students and alumni for financial support, we would say give the players sweaters, toys, or any sort of a present they desire. The average man does not play football because he expects a material reward at the end of the season. He plays either out of love for the sport or for the college, and in some cases for both reasons. So the team cannot be deeply disappointed by the decision of the Advisory Board. They have not been thinking about new sweaters during the season; they have been thinking about Hamilton and trying to represent her on the gridiron in the best possible way. They succeeded and they know that the college was proud of them and appreciated their efforts.

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION meeting last Saturday furnished a good example for the student of "The Psychology of the Crowd." Men, who in the sober, conservative, well-balanced Advisory Board meeting had voted to withdraw from the N. Y. S. I. A. U.,

swung about with the crowd, hoisted the flag, and with heroic, emotional appeal raised the slogan, "Let's stand by the Union." The crowd cheered the moving but inconsistent patriotism of one speaker and the battle was over. Loyalty to the dear old Union had been aroused once more by appeal to the emotional crowd and it stood on a rock of Gibraltar. Any real reasons for remaining in the Union, if there were any, were entirely superfluous. What was the need of them after that first and indicative roar of applause had bound together the vacillating element as with bands of steel!

How many men in that meeting, who are on the Advisory Board, could not be persuaded to vote against the Union in the calm and quiet of one of the meetings of that Board?

The New Football Rules.

Have the new rules in football improved the game? To the spectator the game as played under the new rules is more pleasing than before because of the openness of play and the ease with which the ball may be followed. To most participants in the game it has been improved because of the increased demand for head work in the execution of the varied plays which the new rules afford and because of the greatly decreased chances for the so-called "dirty work" in the game. It would be foolish to say that no "muckers" have played under the new rules, because we all know otherwise. But the tendency of the game as a whole is not to afford a fertile bed for the development of the brutish side of one's nature. In fact, if the rules as they stand are strictly enforced, the number of "muckers" playing the game will be so small that it will be hardly appreciable. The most important changes that have been made in the game are the ten yard rule, the allowing of a forward pass in each scrimmage, and the prohibiting of hurdling.

The ten yard rule in a measure accomplished its purpose; that is to make the game more open by almost requiring plays outside of the tackles in

order to gain the distance in three downs. However, if two teams are very unevenly matched in weight, the ten yard rule does not hinder the heavier team from making their gains consistently by line plunging, while it puts the lighter team at a great disadvantage because they cannot attempt to make ten yards in three downs by line bucking, and if they try wide end runs or trick plays to gain their distance it is more than likely that their heavier opponents will break thru them and smash up the play in its inception. But in most cases we would say that the ten yard rule is a good thing and has improved the game.

As line bucking is out of the question for a light team, end runs, trick plays and forward passes must be the strength of the light team. Of these the forward pass has received the most comment this year. In attempting these passes a team runs a great risk both of losing the ball and of losing ground. Then, too, the personal risk of the man who is supposed to catch the pass must be considered. This, perhaps, is the only essentially bad feature of the new rules, (at least from the standpoint of the players.) The man who is to catch a forward pass must keep his eyes on the ball and make sure of the catch, no matter what happens. He has no opportunity to protect himself from his opponents while attempting the catch, and is very often thrown violently and so seriously injured. This is a point in which the Rules Committee have defeated their very purpose by introducing a rule which will offer increased chances for injuries.

But the same committee made a rule forbidding hurdling, which was much to their credit. The new rules define hurdling under two heads, hurdling in the open field and hurdling the line. The former is defined as "jumping over" or "attempting to jump over an opponent who is still on his feet." "Hurdling the line" is "jumping over or attempting to jump over the line of scrimmage feet first." This does not include diving over the line of scrimmage head first. Under the old rules, which allowed both of these phases of hurdling, we might say that

one-third of the total number of injuries could be attributed to hurdling. Hence this rule is an important factor in reducing the number of injuries and therefore a good feature of the new rules and an improvement to the game.

Besides these most important changes in the rules there are several minor changes which also were intended to effect a more open and clean game (and have done so to a certain extent.) Some of these changes are: The definite and unmistakable signal for a "fair catch;" tackling below the knees; the outside kick; the separation of the two lines of scrimmage by the length of the ball; the shortening of the halves by five minutes; the rule which makes it optional as to whether there are to be two umpires or only one, as there was formerly; and lastly, the rule which disqualifies a man for unnecessary roughness or ungentlemanly conduct and causes his team to lose half the distance to its goal line.

On the whole the new rules have improved the game, especially from the standpoint of the spectator; and from the standpoint of the player the game has been bettered in all its phases except in the forward pass. If the game could be preserved the way it has been played this year, eliminating only the forward pass, another season would prove to the public mind, particularly those who have been rankly opposed to the game chiefly thru their ignorance of it, that the game is not a human bull fight but a game which requires even more brain than brawn.

CAPTAIN HOLLEY, '08.

College Meeting.

After the A. A. meeting Saturday an important college meeting was called. The college voted to levy a tax upon itself sufficient to pay for the board walk which has recently been built around the Arbor curve. Many of the faculty have also subscribed generously towards this walk. Some refused to do so on principle, believing that the college ought to have self-respect enough to provide itself

with a decent approach. To many minds this stand is justifiable.

Last year the college pledged itself to repay to Dr. Stryker the money which he advanced to defray the expenses of the New York debaters. The collection of the apportioned tax was begun, but not completed. Judson, '08, was appointed to see to the collection of the rest of the tax and to pay it to Dr. Stryker before February 1st.

The college expressed itself unanimously in favor of an intercollegiate debate next term. Schwartz was appointed manager of the debate team and has already written to several colleges with a view to arrange for at least one intercollegiate debate for winter term.

Football will be played at Union next year.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:55 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:43 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 3:40 p. m., 6:05 p. m.

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College Notes.

—Holley, '60, was on the Hill this week.

—The Seniors have voted to purchase a class banner.

✓ —New South will be ready for occupancy next Spring term.

—Rood entertained a few fellows in his room last Friday night.

—McGaffin, '04, and H. H. Getman, '79, were on the Hill last week.

—Holmes, '08, was in New York on legal business the first of the week.

—The Freshmen were well represented at Prex.'s Wednesday evening.

—A number of the fellows will attend the Balliol reception in Utica tonight.

—Junior Prom. will be held on the evening of Thursday, February the fourteenth.

—There are almost as many fellows limping around now as during the first few weeks of football.

—The programs for Junior Prom. have been ordered. They will be plain card-case style in leather with a seal stamped on the inside.

—A new and direful secret society was formed, so rumor has it, during Freshman gym. last Tuesday.

—Dr. Wood told his American History class that he would give a "max" for every cut that was not used.

—Some persons from the village who enjoy coasting on the Hill are rather careless about appropriating college sleds.

—The standing in the Freshman competition for LIFE stands for the term: Glover, Titus, McMath, Cross, Engs, Lloyd.

—Everyone should leave their vacation addresses with Prof. Babcock so that their invitations to return for "dink" day will reach them.

—Halliday, ex-'06, this year's football coach, is mentioned in the *Cornell Sun* as one who assisted many in escaping from the recent Chi Psi Lodge fire at Cornell.

—Tuesday afternoon a second meeting of the Press Club was held in No. 5 Carnegie. The importance of having a good, active Press Club cannot be overestimated.

—The Senior debate team was elected Thursday as follows: Gilbert, Allen, Scoon and Libbey. At this time Dr. Stryker bade the Seniors a fond farewell from his classes.

—There are to be two divisions of Saturday noon chapel next term, one at 12 m. and another at 2 p. m. It would seem that before very long we will be having evening recitations.

—P. Williams, '08, delivered something in Wednesday's chapel which surprised and delighted everyone, excepting, maybe, Kitson, Cody, "Our John" Henderson and Simmons.

—The Hill is the fastest it has been in years and as a result the sliding is most dangerous. In the last few days there has been one quite serious accident and a number of minor ones.

—"Hap" Osborne is back on the Hill and every one is glad to see him. He is still on crutches. He has been at his home in New Hartford ever since the Colgate game, in which he was injured.

—Every Thursday evening Prof. Ward meets the leaders' class in Bible

at his house. Besides much useful information and points on leading classes in Bible study, there are always refreshments.

—Dr. Stryker has said that next year's Freshman class will have to recite their Bible without a textbook, learning the Latin or Greek and English before class. We extend our sympathies to the class of 1911.

—On Wednesday the following men debated for places on the Junior debating team: Anibal, Williams, Watson, Dunwell, Fitch, Bate, Judson, Greengard. The following were chosen for the team: Anibal, Watson, Williams, Bate.

—Dr. Stryker was involved in a runaway Wednesday afternoon. In turning the corner at the D. K. E. road, the sleigh tipped over, and the horse started for Utica, leaving Dr. Stryker in the road, in a very unpeaceful state of mind and body.

—Henderson, '08, took a little trip not long ago, and when he returned he announced himself agent for a brand of cigarettes. With the proceeds, he announces he will publish the story of his life and works. An entire chapter will be given to the scientific discussion of "hunches." Please everyone help the literary world by buying "Our John's" cigarettes.

Freshman Statistics.

The following are the Freshman statistics, according to "Uncle John's" measurements:

Average age, 18 years 4 months.

Average height, 5 feet 8 inches.

Average weight, 139.66 lbs.

Heaviest men, Sherwin and Baldwin, 170 lbs.

Lightest man, Hallock, 102½ lbs.

Tallest man, Sherwin, 6 ft. 1.8 in.

Shortest man, Brown, 5 ft. 4.3 in.

Dips, Bristol, Glover, 8.

Pull-up, Knox, 11.

Lung strength, Hastings, 340 grams.

Lung capacity, Dounce, 370 cu. in.

Chest expansion, Bristol, 6 in.

Arm stretch, Sherwin, 6 ft. 5.8 in.

Grip, Sherwin, 59 kilograms.

Lift, Baldwin, 300 kilograms.

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Youngest man, Evans 16.



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